

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dr. John M. Hilpert, a native of Missouri, attained his master of divinity from Concordia Seminary in Missouri, and his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Michigan; and,

Whereas, Dr. Hilpert held various administrative posts at the University of South Dakota, including acting president; and,

Whereas, Dr. Hilpert has been President of Northern State University since 1997; and,

Whereas, Dr. Hilpert has recently been named as the president of Delta State University in Mississippi, and will soon be leaving South Dakota; and,

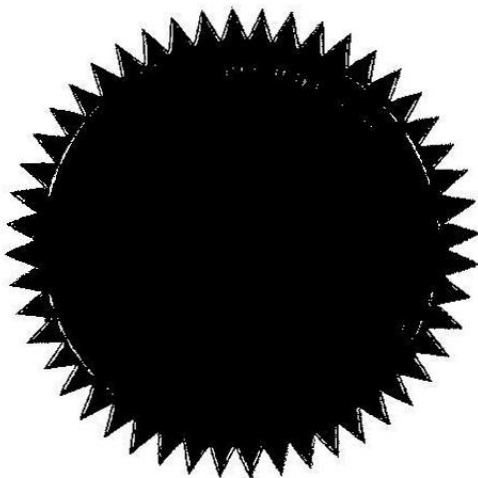
Whereas, Dr. Hilpert has served as a member of the South Dakota Department of Labor's Workforce Development Council since October 24, 1996; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the Governor of the state of South Dakota join the Department of Labor in recognizing and thanking Dr. Hilpert for his contribution of wisdom and guidance on the Workforce Development Council:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim, July 9, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and colleagues in wishing him good health and happiness.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State